

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("~~—~~"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently Amended) A message kit, comprising:
 - a first correspondence medium configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ a personal message from an author;
 - an envelope configured to enclose the first correspondence medium;
 - a second correspondence medium configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ information associated with an intended recipient of the personal message; and
 - a first directive medium configured to provide notification to ~~for notifying~~ a third party ~~other than an author of the personal message of the intent of the author to have that~~ a holding party in possession of the first correspondence medium completed with the personal message as completed and the envelope will send the combination of the completed first correspondence medium and the envelope in accordance with a preferred receipt date communicated via the second correspondence medium, wherein the holding party retains the completed first correspondence medium and the envelope until after the occurrence of an author identified triggering event, wherein the third party is not the author.
2. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the first correspondence medium comprises stationary.
3. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the first correspondence medium comprises a greeting card.
4. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the first correspondence medium comprises a post card.
5. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the second correspondence medium, when completed, contains subject matter of an offer for a contract between the author and the holding party.

6. (Original) The kit of claim 5, further comprising:
a confirmation medium, wherein when the confirmation medium is acknowledged and returned to the author by the holding party, the confirmation medium conveys acceptance of the offer for the contract.
7. (Original) The kit of claim 6, further comprising:
an envelope for self-addressing by the author and enclosing the confirmation medium.
8. (Original) The kit of claim 1, further comprising:
a second directive medium for notifying the holding party of the occurrence of the triggering event
9. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the triggering event comprises the desire of the author to convey the personal message.
10. (Original) The kit of claim 1, wherein the triggering event comprises the incapacity of the author.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for assisting an author in conveying a personal message, comprising:

providing to the author a message kit comprising

a first correspondence medium configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ the personal message,

a second correspondence medium configured to receive ~~for receiving~~ information associated with an intended recipient of the personal message, and

a first directive configured to provide notification to ~~for notifying~~ a fiduciary that ~~of~~ the author's intention to have a combination of the ~~a completed~~ first correspondence medium completed with the personal message and an envelope configured to contain the first correspondence medium will be sent to the intended recipient in accordance with a preferred receipt date after the occurrence of a triggering event;

receiving the completed first correspondence medium and the second correspondence media medium completed with the intended recipient information;

storing the completed first and second correspondence media;

receiving notification from the fiduciary of the occurrence of the triggering event; and

sending the combination of the completed first correspondence medium and the envelope ~~an envelope~~ to the intended recipient.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein sending comprises forwarding the combination of the envelope and the first correspondence medium in accordance with a preferred receipt date.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

verifying the accuracy of the information associated with the intended recipient of the personal message responsive to receiving notification from the fiduciary of the occurrence of the triggering event.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

collecting information associated with life events of the intended recipient of the personal message; and

determining a calendar date to execute sending a combination of the envelope and the first correspondence medium when so instructed by the completed second correspondence medium.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein providing a message kit comprises forwarding a set of related correspondence media.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the set of related correspondence media is associated with religious holidays.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the set of related correspondence media is associated with author expected life events of the intended recipient.

18. (Currently Amended) A message kit, comprising:
means for recording a personal message;
means for forwarding the personal message and handling instructions to a holding party;
means for instructing a fiduciary that ~~of an author's intent for the holding party~~ will send
~~to send~~ the personal message upon the occurrence of a specified date following the occurrence
of a triggering event; and
means for receiving notification from the fiduciary of the occurrence of the triggering
event.

19. (Original) The message kit of claim 18, wherein means for recording a personal message
comprises means for providing a medium suited for receiving a handwritten message.

20. (Original) The message kit of claim 18, wherein the author of the personal message
identifies personal incapacity as the triggering event.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for conveying a personal message, comprising:
recording a personal message;
forwarding the personal message and instruction to a holding party;
receiving confirmation that the holding party will ~~of holding party's intent to forward the~~
personal message on behalf of an author of the personal message in accordance with an author
designated recipient receipt date following notification by a fiduciary of the occurrence of a
triggering event; and
instructing the fiduciary to notify the holding party of the ~~after the~~ occurrence of the
triggering event.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein recording a personal message comprises handwriting.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the author identifies personal incapacity as the triggering event.
24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the author identifies the death of the author as the triggering event.
25. (Currently Amended) A method for assisting an author in conveying a personal message, comprising:
- providing a message kit;
 - receiving ~~completed~~ items provided in the message kit, the items completed with ~~including~~ a personal message from the author and delivery instructions ~~provided in the kit~~;
 - storing the completed items until notification of the occurrence of a triggering event; and
 - sending the completed item with the personal message in accordance with a preferred receipt date after the occurrence of the triggering event, as directed by the delivery instructions.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein providing a message kit comprises providing a first correspondence medium for receiving the personal message.
27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein providing a message kit comprises providing a second correspondence medium for receiving information associated with an intended recipient of the personal message.
28. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein providing a message kit comprises providing a first directive for notifying a fiduciary of the author's intention to have the personal message sent to an intended recipient in accordance with the preferred receipt date after the occurrence of the triggering event.
29. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
- verifying the accuracy of information provided in the delivery instructions.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein verifying the accuracy of information is responsive to notification of the occurrence of the triggering event.
31. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
collecting information associated with life events of an intended recipient of the personal message identified in the delivery instructions.
32. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
determining a calendar date to execute sending the personal message.